

### REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 28, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the specification, drawings, claims and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. No new matter has been added. Applicants note that prosecution on the merits, with respect to the above-cited application, is closed in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle*. Claims 1-5 are pending and have been allowed.

The drawings and specification were objected to because of minor informalities. The drawings were objected to because reference signs recited in the specification were missing from Fig. 25 and misspellings in Figs. 8 and 36. the above informalities are corrected through the enclosed Replacement Sheets 8/47, 25/47 and 36/47. Approval of the substitute sheets is respectfully requested. The specification was objected to because of several minor errors, all of which have been corrected through the enclosed amendments to the specification. Approval of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

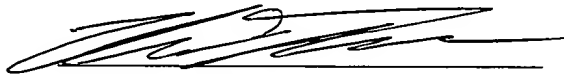
Claims 1 and 2 were also objected to because of a minor error in each of those claims. Applicants respectfully assert that the errors have been addressed through the above amendments thereto and the objection should be withdrawn.

As all claims, namely claims 1-5, have been indicated as being allowed, and all outstanding issues have been addressed, Applicants respectfully request that the instant application be allowed to proceed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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